

**COUNTY COUNCIL OF FREDERICK COUNTY  
MEETING MINUTES  
Tuesday, August 10, 2021**

Council Members M.C. Keegan-Ayer, President; Jerry Donald, Kai Hagen, Jessica Fitzwater, Phil Dacey and Steve McKay were present for the meeting. Council Vice President Michael Blue was absent.

Also present were Ragen Cherney, Chief of Staff, County Council; Catherine Keller, Assistant County Attorney; Sarah Ambrosio, Recording Secretary; and Nancy Luna, Executive Assistant, County Council.

Council President M.C. Keegan-Ayer called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m. virtually.

**Opening Statement from Council President M.C. Keegan-Ayer**

Council President M.C. Keegan-Ayer provided an opening statement at the start of the meeting. Included in that statement was a welcoming to the Legislative meeting for Tuesday, August 10, 2021 and information on how to watch and participate in the meeting.

The meeting began with a moment of silence followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Action on the Agenda**

*Council Member Jessica Fitzwater moved to approve the agenda as presented. Council Member Jerry Donald seconded the motion that passed 6-0-1. Council Vice President Michael Blue was absent.*

Council Members	Aye	Nay	Absent/ Abstain/ Present
District 1 – Donald	X		
District 2 – McKay	X		
District 4 – Fitzwater	X		
District 5 – Blue			X
At-large – Dacey	X		
At-large – Hagen	X		
Presiding Officer – Keegan-Ayer	X		

**Public Comment was heard from:**

- None

**Business Items:**

**Budget Adjustments**

- J-21-363 – Housing & Community Development, Citizens Services Division
- J-21-364 – Engineering & Construction Management, Public Works Division
- J-22-012 – Office for Children & Families, Citizens Services Division

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*Council Member Jessica Fitzwater moved to approve Budget Adjustments J-21-363, J-21-364 and J-22-012 as presented. Council Member Steve McKay seconded the motion that passed 6-0-1. Council Vice President Michael Blue was absent.*

Council Members	Aye	Nay	Absent/ Abstain/ Present
District 1 – Donald	X		
District 2 – McKay	X		
District 4 – Fitzwater	X		
District 5 – Blue			X
At-large – Dacey	X		
At-large – Hagen	X		
Presiding Officer – Keegan-Ayer	X		

**Approval of Minutes from July 20, 2021.**

*Council Member Steve McKay moved to approve the minutes from July 20, 2021. Council Member Jessica Fitzwater seconded the motion that passed 6-0-1. Council Vice President Michael Blue was absent.*

Council Members	Aye	Nay	Absent/ Abstain/ Present
District 1 – Donald	X		
District 2 – McKay	X		
District 4 – Fitzwater	X		
District 5 – Blue			X
At-large – Dacey	X		
At-large – Hagen	X		
Presiding Officer – Keegan-Ayer	X		

**Confirmation of the County Executive's Appointments to the Frederick County Ethics Commission**

Mary Ellen Rhoderick, Chair, Ethics Commission Nominating Committee, briefed the Council on the Confirmation of the County Executive's Appointments to the Frederick County Ethics Commission.

*Council Member Steve McKay moved to confirm the appointment of Deborah Lundahl, James Stanker and Michael Bunitsky to the Frederick County Ethics Commission to terms as presented by staff. Council Member Kai Hagen seconded the motion that passed 6-0-1. Council Vice President Michael Blue was absent.*

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District 1 – Donald	X		
District 2 – McKay	X		
District 4 – Fitzwater	X		
District 5 – Blue			X
At-large – Dacey	X		
At-large – Hagen	X		
Presiding Officer – Keegan-Ayer	X		

**Confirmation of the County Executive’s Appointment to the Frederick County Public Library Board**

Joyce Grossnickle, Administrative Officer, briefed the Council on the Confirmation of the County Executive’s Appointment to the Frederick County Public Library Board.

*Council Member Jessica Fitzwater moved to confirm the appointment of Galen Mayfield to the Frederick County Public Library Board to terms as presented by staff. Council Member Jerry Donald seconded the motion that passed 6-0-1. Council Vice President Michael Blue was absent.*

Council Members	Aye	Nay	Absent/ Abstain/ Present
District 1 – Donald	X		
District 2 – McKay	X		
District 4 – Fitzwater	X		
District 5 – Blue			X
At-large – Dacey	X		
At-large – Hagen	X		
Presiding Officer – Keegan-Ayer	X		

**2022 Legislative Initiatives Calendar-Process**

Joy Schaefer, Director, Government Affair, presented information to the Council on the 2022 Legislative Initiatives Calendar-Process.

**Budget Journal J-22-011 – Staffing Improvements for the Point of Rocks Station**

Rick Harcum, Chief Administrative Officer and Tom Coe, Chief/Director, Fire & Rescue Services Division, presented information to the Council on Budget Journal J-22-011 – Staffing Improvements for the Point of Rocks Station.

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*Council Member Jerry Donald moved to approve Budget Journal J-22-011 – Staffing Improvements for the Point of Rocks Station as presented. Council Member Kai Hagen seconded the motion that passed 6-0-1. Council Vice President Michael Blue was absent.*

Council Members	Aye	Nay	Absent/ Abstain/ Present
District 1 – Donald	X		
District 2 – McKay	X		
District 4 – Fitzwater	X		
District 5 – Blue			X
At-large – Dacey	X		
At-large – Hagen	X		
Presiding Officer – Keegan-Ayer	X		

**Debt Policy Resolution for Frederick County, Maryland**

Erin White, Director, Finance, presented information to the Council on the Debt Policy Resolution for Frederick County, Maryland.

**County Rental Assistance Programs**

Monica Bearden, Deputy Chief Administrative Officer and Ryan Trout, Housing Program Coordinator, presented information to the Council on County Rental Assistance Programs.

**Public Comment was heard from:**

- None

**Council Member Comments:**

Council Member comments were provided.

**Adjourn**

The meeting adjourned at 6:58 p.m.

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M.C. Keegan-Ayer, President  
County Council